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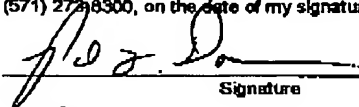
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"CONDUCTIVE HEAT-EQUALIZING DEVICE"

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2005, setting forth a requirement for election of species. The Examiner has indicated that the claims are directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: Group 1, Figure 2; Group 2, Figure 3; Group 3, Figure 4; and Group 4, Figure 5. The Examiner has required the applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

In response, the applicants hereby elect for prosecution on the merits, with traverse, the embodiments of the claimed invention comprising Group 1, to which the claims will be restricted if no generic claim is found to be allowable. Thus, the applicants elect, with traverse, the embodiments of the claimed invention for the conductive heat-equalizing device shown in Figure 2.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 7, 14, 18 and 20 are generic, and claims 2-4, 8-10, 13, 15 and 19 further read on the species identified by Group 1.

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In regards to the requirement to elect a single species, it is understood that an election of species is set forth to facilitate the Patent Examiner's initial search in the examination of the application. However, the undersigned respectfully submits that a search for the other species in addition to the species identified by Group 1 will not result in a serious burden on the Patent Examiner in searching.

As shown in the drawings and described in the specification, there are only a few structural differences between the various embodiments. These differences are not considered so significant, in terms of conducting a search, that the Examiner would be required to greatly expand the search. In other words, a search encompassing the various species should not be unduly burdensome to the Examiner. As a result, it is respectfully requested that the pending election of species requirement be reconsidered before the applicants and the Office are put to the burden and expense of possibly having to prosecute separate applications for the subject invention.

Favorable action on the present application is requested. In the event that there are any issues which can be expedited by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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